

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### 15-37. Reduce physical assaults.

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS).
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Adapted from 7.6 (Violent and Abusive Behavior).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	None.
<b>Measure</b>	Rate per 1,000 population.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	31.1 (1998)
<b>Target</b>	13.6
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of persons aged 12 years and older who report being physically assaulted.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of persons aged 12 years and older.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	Noninstitutionalized population.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 1998 National Crime Victimization Survey:  ➤ <i>Other than any incidents already mentioned, has anyone attacked or threatened you in any of these ways:</i>  <i>a) With any weapon, for instance, a gun or knife</i> <i>b) With anything like a baseball bat, frying pan, scissors, or stick</i> <i>c) By something thrown, such as a rock or bottle</i> <i>d) Include any grabbing, punching, or choking</i> <i>e) Any rape, attempted rape or other type of sexual attack</i> <i>f) Any face-to-face threats</i>  OR  <i>g) Any attack or threat or use of force by anyone</i>

at all? Please mention it even if you are not certain that it was a crime.

(Briefly describe incident.)

**Expected Periodicity** Annual.

**Comments** This objective is modified from Healthy People 2000 objective 7.6, which tracked assault injuries. This objective tracks reports of assaults.

For some measures, data do not meet the criteria for statistical reliability, data quality, or confidentiality and have been suppressed. Information on suppression of data for the major Healthy People 2010 data systems has been published in a *Healthy People Statistical Note*.<sup>1</sup>

See Part C for a description of NCVS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

## References

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